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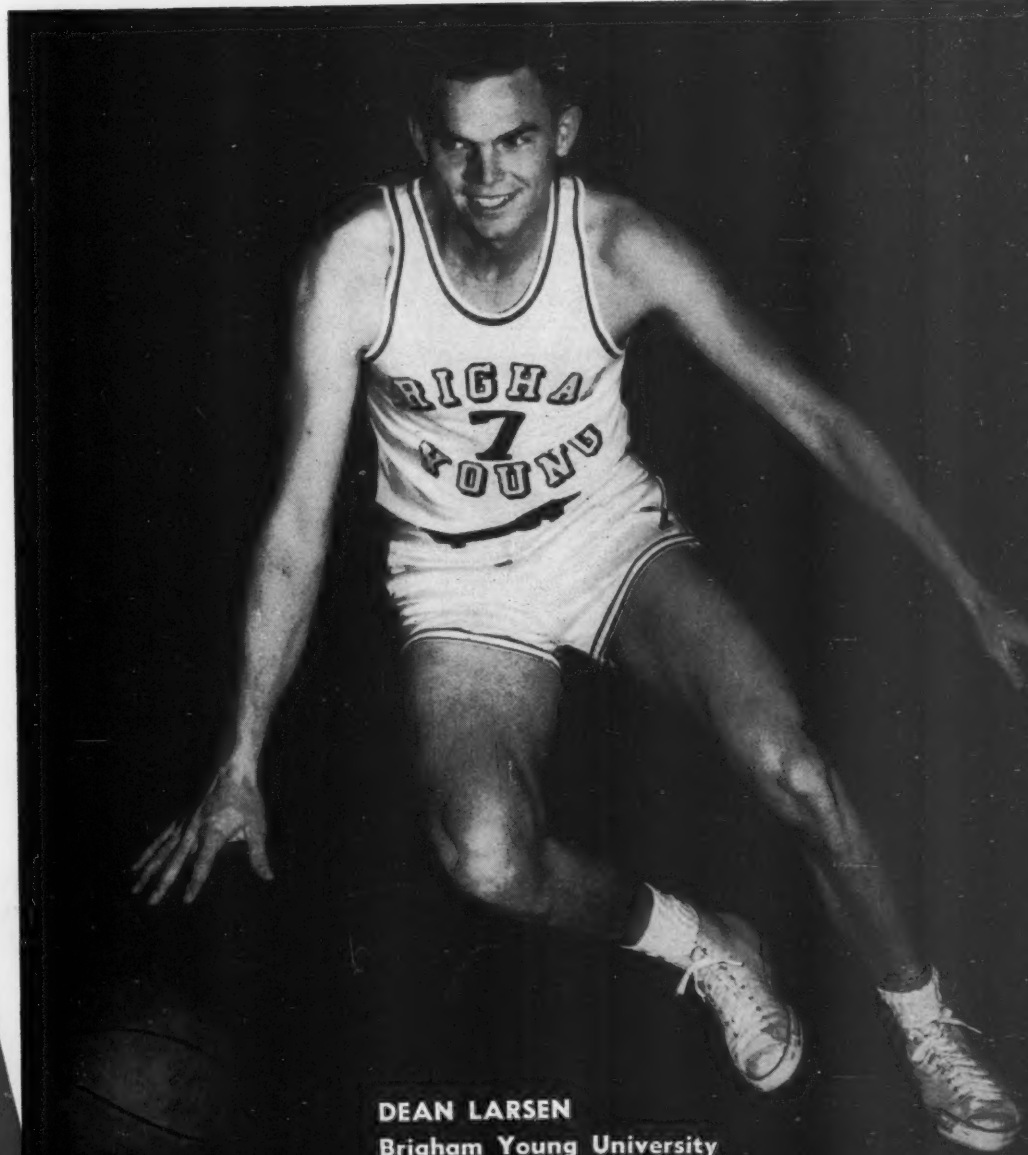
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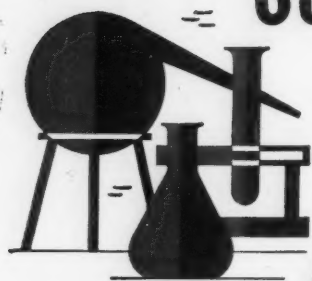
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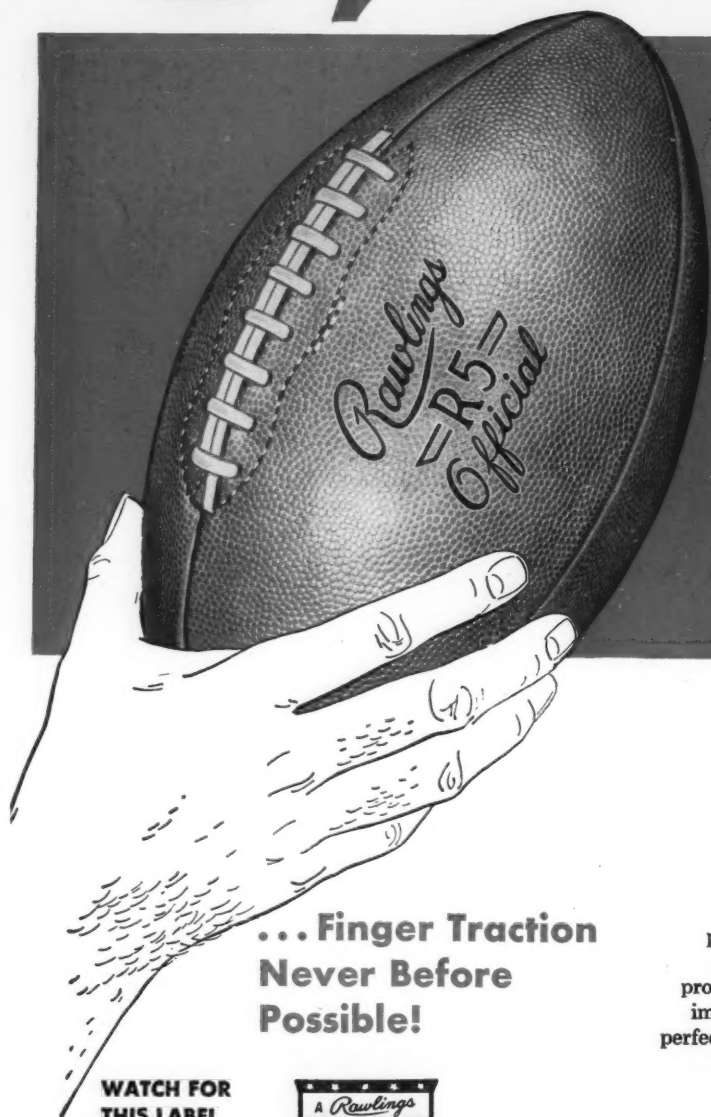


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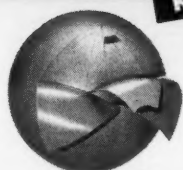
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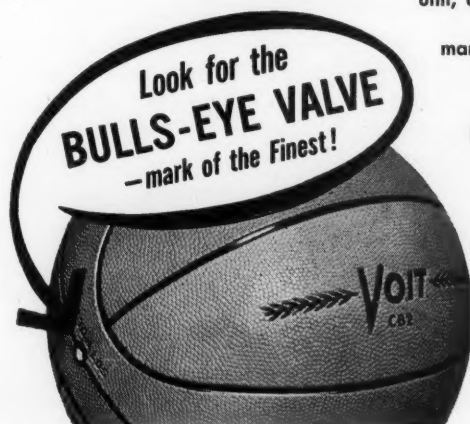
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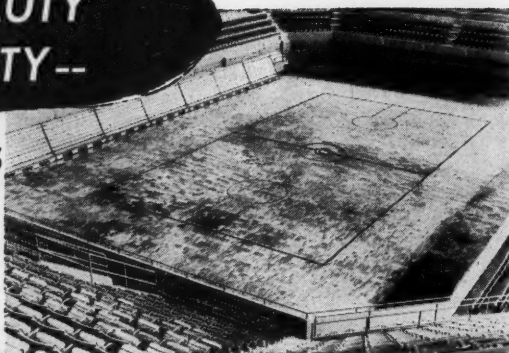


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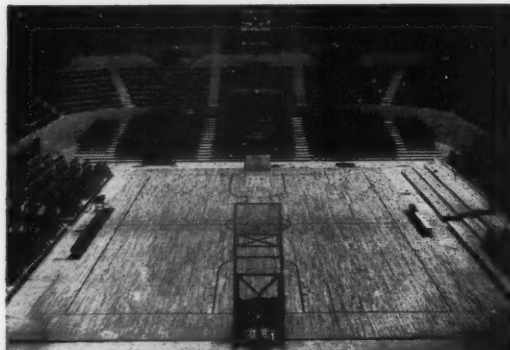
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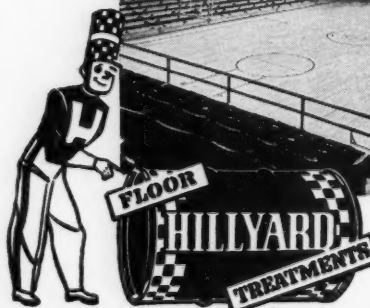
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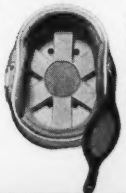
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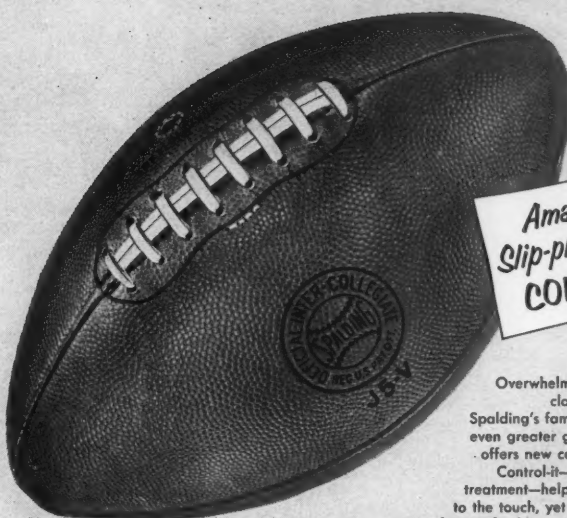
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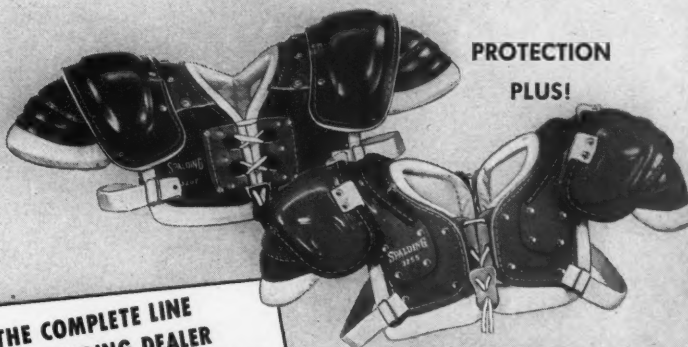
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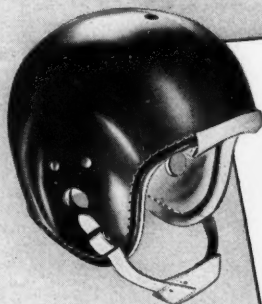
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## CAMPUS CLOSE-UP

# ★ RICE ★ INSTITUTE

**Houston, Texas**

By BILL WHITMORE

**DR. W. V. HOUSTON, President**

**I**N ALL the United States there is no school of limited enrollment and high academic standing that has had as great success in athletics as Rice Institute.

The achievements of this famed institution of higher learning in sports is particularly outstanding, and since this article is prepared for a primarily sports publication let us touch some of these high points.

From November 1st through January 1st, the Owls of Rice, where the enrollment is only 1,629 — including co-eds, had a particularly great series of accomplishments.

In that two month period, the Rice Owls won five football games and lost none, with a smashing 28-6 triumph over Southeastern Conference champion Alabama in the Cotton Bowl before 75,000 fans as the climax. After their 13-19 upset at the hands of a good Kentucky team on October 31st, the Owls averaged over 30 points a game in a driving finish with four straight league wins to gain a tie for the Southwest Conference title and a rating of sixth in the nation in the Associated Press poll.

Individual honors that came to the Owl gridders in that period were considerable. Junior halfback Dicky Moegle turned in one of the greatest one man performance of all grid history in the Cotton Bowl game as he made touchdown runs of 95, 79, and 34 yards and a net rushing total of 265 yards on only 11 carries to gain a place on the all-time Cotton Bowl team. Linemen teammates Dan Hart at end and Richard Chapman at tackle were 1-2 in the balloting for the game's outstanding linemen, and each was placed on the honorable mention list of all-time Cotton Bowl stars.

Three Owl players make at least one nationally recognized All-America first team. Star fullback "Kosse" Johnson garnered the most honors as he was named to five A-A selections, including the Associated Press and National Football Writers (in Look Magazine) first teams. Richard Chapman was a first team choice for the Chicago Tribune's All-Player's All-America that carries an automatic invitation to the College All-Star game in Chicago next summer. John Hudson, the

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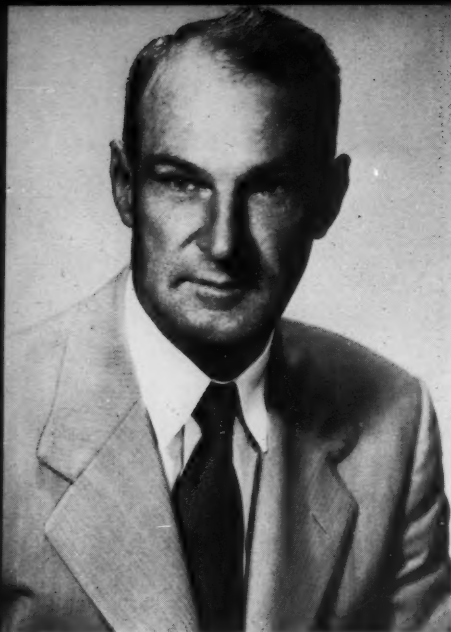
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**RICHARD CHAPMAN**  
Rice All-America Tackle '53  
(Nuclear Physics Major)





Physics Building from cloister of Lovett Hall





**JESS NEELY**  
Athletic Director and Head Football Coach

## CAMPUS CLOSE-UP

(Continued from page 8)

rugged guard, made the NEA news feature service first team.

Leo Rucka, the fine Owl center, was virtually a unanimous choice for all-Southwest Conference center, and guard Kenny Paul made some all-SWC selections. The Owls simply had splendid personnel throughout the entire Cotton Bowl team squad.

Statistically, it was Johnson and Moegle in the spotlight. The famed 1-2 punch of the grid attack ranked second and sixth nationally in rushing during the regular season with 944 and 833 yards. The loss of their great fullback, Johnson, didn't even phase the calm

and efficient Owls in the Cotton Bowl game, for after Kosse departed in the first quarter with an ankle injury, the attack rolled along in the usual successful style. And a happy ending to the story saw Kosse recover from the ankle bruise enough to make a trip to Hawaii for a post-season appearance in the Hula Bowl game on January 8th.

Football did not gain all the glory for Rice in sports in that amazing two month period, though. Coach Don Saman's smooth Owl basketball team had a splendid time of it. The cagers won ten straight games without a loss to gain 10th place in the national ratings. Their victory string included four straight wins over Tulane, St. John's, Tennessee, and Vanderbilt on a tough road trip, and three straight victories to capture the pre-season Southwest Conference tournament championship. The latter was played in Rice Gymnasium in Houston, and set an attendance mark as over 20,000 fans crowded into the 6,400-seat modern gym on the Rice campus during the three-day event.

Splendid Gene Schwinger, Rice's prime All-America basketball candidate, set several tournament scoring records, including 38 points for one game in a thrilling 80-79 win over S. M. U. in the semi-finals. The 6-6 senior center from Houston for the second straight year was named most valuable player of the tournament. Both he and ace forward Don Lance were unanimous all-SWC selections last season and all-tourney players both in 1952 and 1953. The Schwinger-Lance combine is the 1-2 punch in basketball same as Johnson and Moegle in football.

This recent burst of success, however, is not just a "flash in the pan" effort by the little school in Houston.

Through the years the sports achievements by Rice athletes have been quite numerous. Touching just a few of the highlights, no less than eleven Owls have made at least one first team All-America selection — including such great stars as ends "Froggie" Williams and Bill Howton (top pas receiver in pro ball as a rookie in 1952), guards Weldon Humble and H. J. Nichols, and the great halfback of the mid-thirties, Bill Wallace, now a prominent business man in Atlanta, Ga.

Eleven Rice players have played in the famed East-West Shrine grid game, and Coach Jess Neely — more about him later — served on the coaching

staff for that great event on two occasions.

Emmett Brunson, the Rice athletic business manager also is a world renowned track and field coach, having been named to the Helms Foundation Hall of Fame of track mentors. Brunson has produced several national champions at Rice, including the record smashing hurdler, Fred Wolcott, and a couple of Olympic team members in high jumper Vern McGrew and hop-step-and-jumper Jim Gerhardt. Brunson himself was an Olympic team coach in 1948, and the well-known head athletic trainer at Rice for many years, Eddie Wojecki, was head trainer for U. S. Olympic team at Helsinki in 1952.

Rice has long been famous for its fine tennis teams, and has had national champions in both doubles and singles, with Frank Guernsey, a star of the pre-World War II years, one of the few men to win the NCAA singles title two times.

Buddy Weaver of Rice is believed to be the only golfer to win the Southwest Conference links title two straight years.

While Rice has not been particularly successful in baseball over the years, Dell Morgan's diamond men did score a win and a tie in three games last year with the Texas Longhorns, who were NCAA finalists. And Eddie Dyer, a pitching star and all-SWC halfback for Rice in the twenties, is the last National league baseball manager to win a World's Series title when he was skipper of the '46 St. Louis Cardinals.

To score all these achievements, and many more, over a period of years — especially at a small school with such high scholastic standards — there must be outstanding leadership.

Rice Institute certainly has had that for its fine athletic program in the athletic director and head football coach, Jess Neely, who will begin building his 15th Rice grid team this year when spring practice begins.

Under his leadership, Rice has achieved considerable fame. Neely and Rice each boast perfect football bowl records. Neely's last Clemson College team, where he served nine years before coming to Rice, beat Frank Leahy's Boston College club, 6-3, in the 1940 Cotton Bowl game. His predecessor at Rice, Jimmy Kitts, piloted the Owls to SWC titles in 1934 and 1937, and the latter team whipped Colorado, 28-14, in the Cotton Bowl. At Rice, Neely-led teams tied for the SWC crown in 1946 and trimmed Gen. Bob Neyland's Tennessee Vols, 8-0, in the Orange Bowl, and the 1949 SWC champs whipped North Carolina and Charley Justice, 27-13, in the Cotton Bowl. The '49 Owls attained a fifth position in the national ratings at the season's end.

**DAVIS "KOSSE" JOHNSON**  
Rice All-American Fullback '53



During his tenure at Rice, Neely has seen the school's physical plant for athletics become among the finest of any school in the nation, regardless of size.

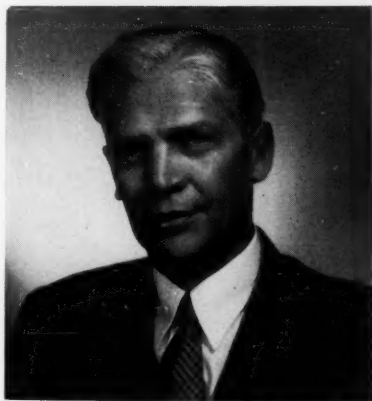
In 1950, there was built on the campus the nation's most modern major grid stadium, a 70,000 seat structure, that offers the finest facilities. That same year the splendid new gymnasium that seats 6,400 for basketball, has a large swimming pool, and many other features for the conduct of a top notch physical education program under direction of Gilbert Hermance.

There are many persons who have played a major role in Rice Institute's successful athletic program. The far sightedness and leadership, for instance, of top administrative men as George R. Brown, chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Dr. William V. Houston, president of The Rice Institute.

Other members of the board are Gus S. Worthman, Dr. Frederick R. Lummis, Lamar Fleming, Jr., John S. Ivey, William A. Kirkland, and J. Newton Rayzor. Term members are Daniel R. Bullard, Robert P. Doherty, Francis T. Fendley, William H. Francis, Mason, G. Lockwood, Malcolm Lovett, J. T. Rather, and Harmon Whittington.

Playing a key role in the athletic program are the members of the Faculty Committee on Outdoor Sports, with Dr. Hubert E. Bray chairman. Dr. Bray also currently is president of the Southwest Athletic Conference, the faculty organization that controls the policies of this outstanding organization that has provided a sound athletic program for the member schools. Other members of the Rice Committee on Outdoor Sports are Mr. Hermance and Dr. Henry O. Nicholas, and Eddie Dyer as "R" Association representative, Harvin Moore as alumni representative.

Rice Institute was founded by Houston philanthropist, the late William



**GEORGE R. BROWN**  
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Marsh Rice. He provided the original endowment for the privately endowed school, and set forth its objectives — to be a non-sectarian institute for the advancement of literature, science, art, philosophy, and letters, and for cultivating other means of instruction.

Although the school was established under a charter issued by the State of Texas in 1891, the first classes were not held until 1912 upon completion of an extensive building program and study of the curricula of other top educational institutions. The first Rice president was Dr. Edgar Odell Lovett, who served in that capacity for 34 years before retiring to the position of President Emeritus, with Dr. Houston as his successor.

A particularly noteworthy feature about Rice that surprises many persons is that no tuition is charged the students who gain admittance. The school is a completely private institution, financed by endowments and investments, and in effect every student is on a scholarship since no tuition is charged.

Entrance requirements are very high, as is the ratio of applicants to those admitted. This enables the Institute to maintain its splendid high academic standing.

What is particularly pleasing to the athletic department is that despite the high academic standing, the varsity athletes — whose scholastic record and desire for a college education is considered right on par with their ability in sports when considered for athletic scholarships — rate right on par with members of the student body who do not compete in varsity athletics.



**DICKY MOEGLE**  
Rice Owls Junior Halfback  
Member All-time Cotton Bowl Team

Rice Institute, of course, stands very high in the community. And the interest in the school's great athletic program is evidenced in the fact that sports fans of Houston (largest city in the South) and the Gulf Coast area have enabled Rice Institute to rank among the nation's leaders in grid attendance.

The little school with only a little over 1,600 students has played before well over 1,000,000 fans in home football games alone since 1950.

And the interest continues to grow in Rice, both in the many achievements of its faculty and students in the classrooms and on the playing fields.

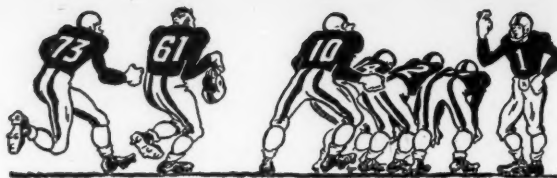
**RICE STADIUM (70,000 capacity)**







# THE HUDDLE



By DWIGHT KEITH

## A Well-Rounded Program

In many schools, both high schools and colleges, the athletic program is losing its balance. An all-out effort is made on one sport at the expense of the others. Football is usually the favored sport and this is understandable. The school authorities justify the policy on the grounds that football pays the bills and, therefore, must receive first consideration budgetwise. In many cases, the football coach is also the athletic director and, since his tenure is often times determined by his football record, he is being realistic in placing emphasis on that sport. This regrettable tendency cannot always be charged against the coach. The real policy-maker is the pressure group behind the coach which demands a winning team.

We think this policy is selfish and unfair to the student body as a whole. We recognize the fact that football does pay the bills and should sit at the "first table," but we think enough should be saved to serve those who must eat at the "second table." If the "big brother" would share the wealth with the minor sports, we cannot see that it would cut down on the revenue which the major sport brings in. On the other hand, it would increase the revenue for the minor sports and would provide a well-rounded athletic

program which has something to offer those students who do not play football. We think it would be good public relations for football or whatever sport happens to be playing the role of "bully." It would prevent the schism which is sometimes found between football players and the other students. The fact is often overlooked that an outstanding performer in a minor sport sometimes brings more favorable publicity to a school than an entire major-sport team.

We think that a healthy condition is for a school to provide a well-rounded program, offering great variety of activities for its students with an occasional championship in each and no one feeling that they are the step-children having to get along with the leftovers.

## SUCCESS

This I would claim as my success,  
Not fame nor gold —  
Nor the crowd's changing cheers from day to day,  
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— Anon.

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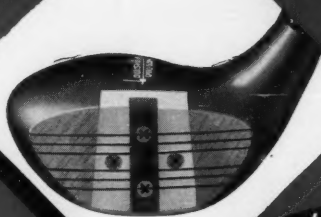
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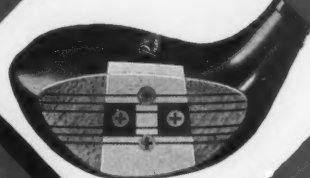
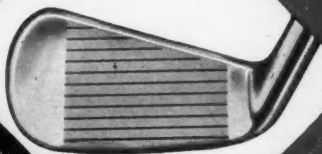


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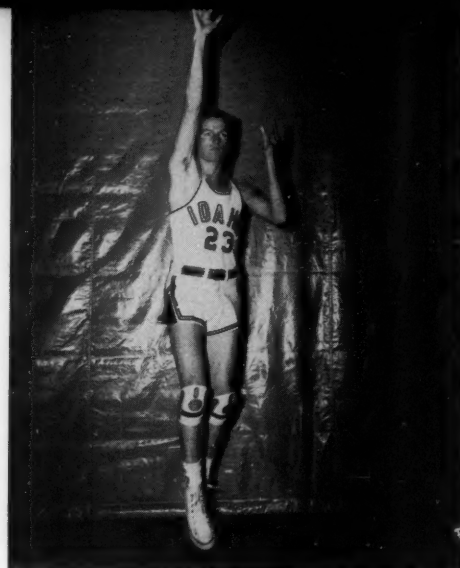


**CHARLES  
FINLEY—**

**and**

**TOM  
FLYNN**

**OF IDAHO**



## COACH & ATHLETE

By KEN HUNTER

**TOM FLYNN**, senior captain and forward on the University of Idaho basketball team in the Pacific Coast conference, is highly regarded by the students and his coach, Chuck Finley, as the Idaho Vandals are in contention for the Northern Division title. Flynn played as a guard in his sophomore and junior years, but was switched to forward this season to add speed to Idaho's all-around team play in this tough circuit.

Currently Flynn is fourth in scoring on the Vandal squad but has the fine field average of .473 for 14 games, or halfway through the current season.

As a sophomore Flynn had a fielding average of .395; his junior year he hit a .460 pace, all of which goes to show his steady scoring value to the club. He stands at six feet, one inch and weighs 169 pounds—not a big man for the basketball courts but his speed and agility make him the ideal for the basketball floor. He is rugged enough to stay with it for the full route.

Flynn was an outstanding athlete at Lewiston (Idaho) high school where in addition to his basketball he was a pitcher on the Junior American Legion baseball team that rated high in the national picture. As a freshman he was outstanding at his favorite, basketball,

at the University where the yearlings lost but one game in 15 starts, that to Washington State college freshmen by a single point.

Flynn readily took to varsity basketball and broke into the starting group early. His best night as a sophomore was against the University of Washington in Seattle. His five out of six from the floor, all long, one-handed push shots gave Idaho a 56 to 51 victory and marked Washington's first defeat on their home court in 23 starts.

Idaho, in the 1953 season, was one of the three teams in the nation—UCLA and Kansas—to hand Washington a set-back during the season, and Flynn played a large part in that 64 to 61 win, scoring 23 points as he hit the basket 10 times in 19 efforts as he held Washington's all-coast guard, Joe Cipriano, to 10 less points. The victory allowed the Vandals to finish in a tie with the University of Oregon for second place in the Northern Division of the Pacific Coast Conference. In this division the five members, Oregon, Oregon State, Washington, Washington State, and Idaho meet each other four times during the season. Coaches admit this conference is one of the toughest in the country.

Flynn, a blonde youngster of 21, has

his hopes fastened on a season or so of A.A.U. basketball after graduation and then to coaching. He is married and considered to be a better-than-average student. In addition to earning his varsity award as a hurler for the Vandal baseball club he is a low 70 shooter in golf and a sprint competitor in intramural track meets.

Coach Finley, who played his basketball with Maryville Teachers in Missouri under Hank Iba, finished in 1932 as All-American. After college he played three years with Denver Safeways, then with New York Celtics in pro basketball and then to coaching. He spent two years in the Navy. His service teams won sectional and regional titles. Finley has used a variety of offensive and defensive styles of play in his seven years at Idaho, depending on the material at hand. His record at Idaho in this sort of competition speaks for itself. During his time here, Idaho has won 123 games and lost 114. Finley's all-time coaching record stands at 868 games won and 221 games lost. Flynn has played in several of these switches, always well. Currently, Finley is using the fast-break style, combining it with a give-and-go style which calls for fast accurate passing. Finley rates Flynn as an All-American candidate this season.

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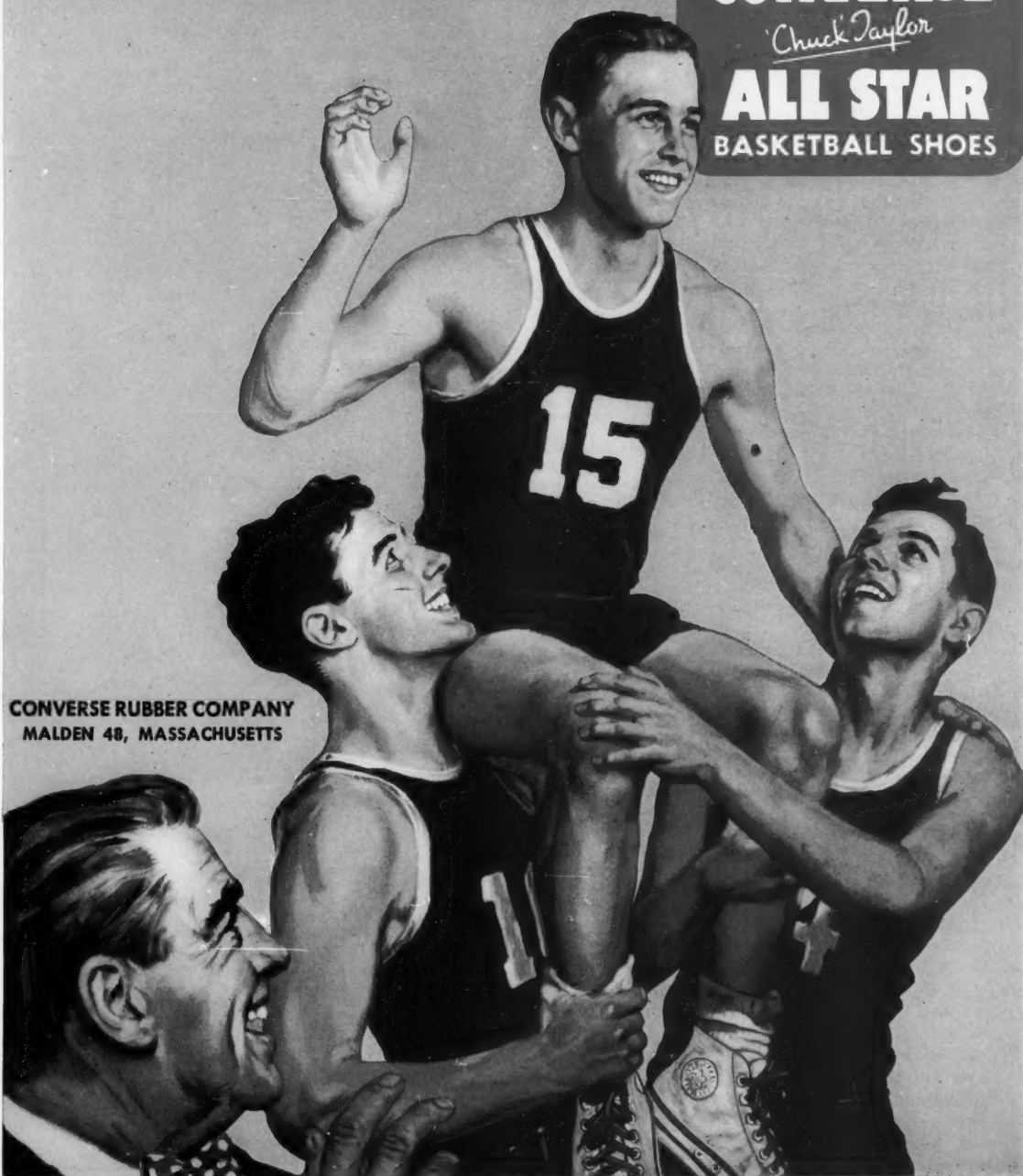
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# THE BIG POST MAN

By HARRY RABENHORST

Basketball Coach, L.S.U.

The majority of basketball coaches in the game today are anxiously seeking methods to develop the big boy on their squad. It must be pointed out here that the play of any big boy will depend entirely on his capabilities.

There are, however, certain fundamentals required of the position that the big boy is to play that must be mastered by the individual regardless of his natural ability.

The placement of the pivot or post man in the offensive pattern of your team depends entirely on what you expect from him in that particular set up. His position will vary from underneath the basket where he can get tip-ins, rebounds or jump shots to the crook of the foul circle, which position is best for hook shots or jump shots. He will also be expected to operate at the head of the foul circle where he can feed cutters, jump shoot, hook or drive for the basket, and he will have to go out to meet the floor man on an all-court press. (Diagram 1.)

In order to gain these various positions, the post man must use an equal variety of techniques. He must either run for the spot he is to assume, or run to the baseline and come out to meet the ball, figure-eighting along the baseline. He must at times draw the defensive man's eyes from him by a fake and reverse into position. He should keep constantly on the move and move out to meet the ball when receiving a pass. He must be in good position to receive the ball, taking the pass far enough out in front to prevent the defensive man in the rear from touching it.

He should also be careful not to have the ball too far out front, since this can lead to a tie-up from the defensive man in front. If he is having too much trouble gaining position, he may move out to the side in order to open up the middle. In making this move, the pivot man must be careful that he does not upset the offensive pattern.

Basically, the pivot man has four important jobs. They are (1) shooting, (2) rebounding, (3) feeding cutters, and (4) to act as a screen for forwards and guards cutting off.

Taking them in order, the shooting of the big man will depend entirely on his own ability to shoot from various positions. He should work on all types of



*Coach Rabenhorst is now in his 28th year as a member of the L.S.U. coaching staff. In his 25 years as head basketball coach (he was out three years as a lieutenant commander in the Navy), Rabenhorst has piloted his teams to four conference crowns, a Sugar Bowl title, and the national championship.*

*Last year he was named to the Helms Athletic Foundation Basketball Hall of Fame. His over-all record is 304 wins against 210 losses. His Tigers took the SEC and Sugar Bowl title last season and went to the finals of the NCAA tournament in Kansas City.*

shots and he should practice maneuvering into position for his "Sunday" shot.

In rebounding, the main job of the post man is to stay in position to rebound at all times. He should devote a lot of attention to his rebounding and tip-in shots.

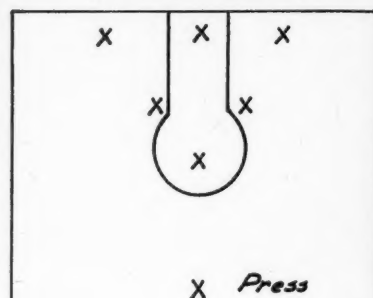
Good position is also an essential in his job of feeding the cutters. He must be in good position to receive the ball at all times and upon receiving the ball he should immediately look for a teammate cutting for the basket. He should be extremely careful never to feed a covered man. In feeding, he can either hand off and roll with the cutter to prevent his defensive man from switching or he can feed the cutter and roll out opposite to the "give" for a return pass and a lay-up.

When acting as a screen, the post man should move from side to side, making sure that he is the required distance

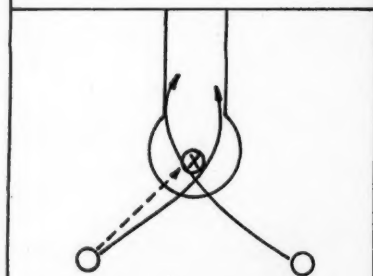
from the defensive man to prevent fouling.

We at LSU have found set routines for our big post man most satisfactory. Generally, we give him five minutes of rope jumping, three minutes of shadow boxing, working with a small, clever offensive man for footwork and defensive maneuverability and five minutes

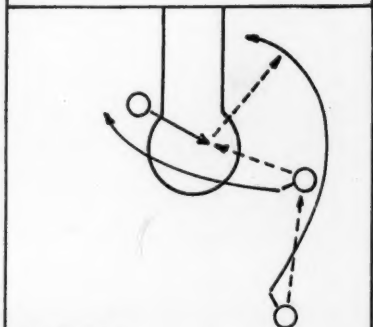
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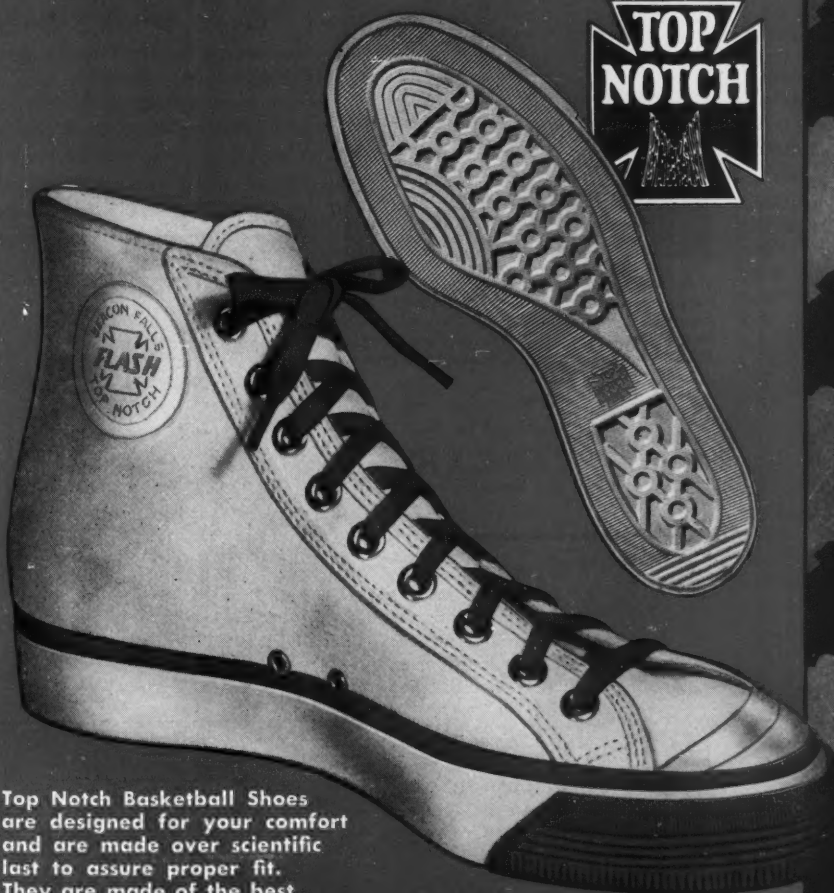


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# THE TRIPLE SPINNER

By BRUCE M. FISHER

Head Coach, Penn High School  
Verona, Pa.

THE whole complexion of football was changed by the T formation. Defensive play especially was affected. The reason for its great success was due to a great degree to the fact that its deception caused the defensive players to look up, stand up, and hunt the ball. The offense that I am about to show you is one designed upon that self-same principle—a high lineman is more easily blocked than a low one. I feel that the simultaneous triple spinner will make almost any opponent “seek”—we hope that he doesn’t “find.” It is a combination of the old shell game T and the single spinner. Perhaps the brief discussion will help you conceive plays that are suited to your material and schedule.

This offense operates from an unbalanced line. The line can be shifted to the left. The backs, too, may shift either way. If you shift the line, you can simplify the line assignments by shifting the entire line. In the same way, you can utilize your better blockers by letting certain boys play the strong side all the time. You can utilize the speed downfield better, too.

If the ends are strong enough, they can block the tackle alone or at least get tangled up with him enough so that he can be kept out of the play. This leaves the wingback free to help on the defensive full or end. The spacing of the linemen and backs is shown in Diagram 1. The No. 3 back half faces No. 2 and No. 1 with the arms extended so that when the ball is snapped it is extremely hard to tell which of the three gets the ball. The No. 1 back has his left foot in advance with a half spin made and therefore half facing No. 2. The wingback, No. 4, faces directly behind the end.

A word as to the qualification for which we are looking in these boys: No. 3 should be fast and a good pass receiver. No. 2 should be a good ball handler, a strong line plunger, and an adequate passer. He should be chosen for his ability to drive off tackle and to block. No. 4 should be fast enough to carry on reverses, a good blocker, and a good pass receiver.

My center and weakside tackle are instructed to play the guard according to his position. They manage this by pre-arranged signals between them.



Coach Fisher spent fourteen years at Ferndale High School, Johnstown, Pa., four years at Bedford High School, Bedford, Pa., and four years at Penn High. His over-all record is 148 wins, 65 losses, 20 ties.

The material included in this article has been put together as an answer to the many letters that Coach Fisher has received about the simultaneous triple spinner offense.

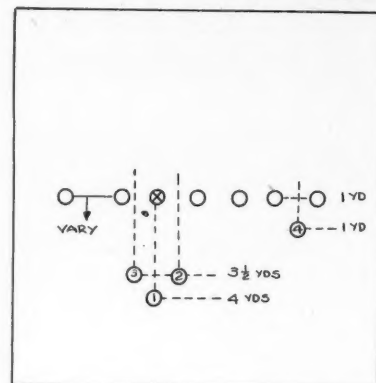
The one takes the opponent who feels that he can do the better job because of the angle, the play, or the defense. To simplify this offense further, we have found it best to consider a five-man line as a seven with the ends dropped back.

We also do something different in the way we huddle. For several years now we have used a revolving huddle (Diagram 2). Our signals vary. The quarterback, after giving the signal, gives the center time to reach the ball before calling the hike which sends the remainder of the team to the line of scrimmage. We vary our starting signal and may give a whole series of plays in one huddle. The quick, uncalled play catches many teams.

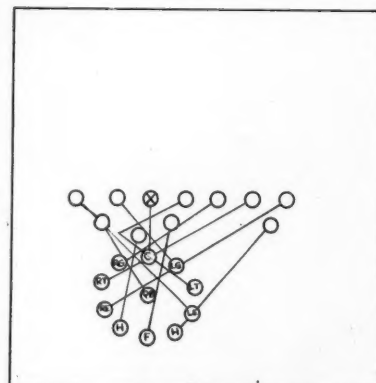
This offense has proved effective against all types of defenses. Part of this is due to the fact that it combines some of the basics of many offenses. Another reason is the fact that men can

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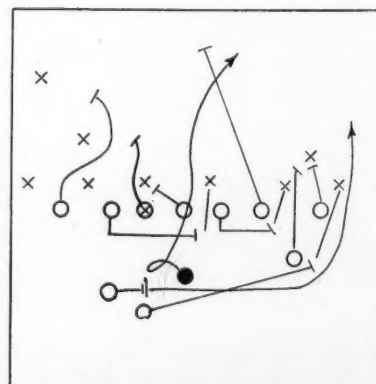
be used to such an advantage when put in motion. Another reason is probably the spacing. Here we have something of a spread, double wing, single spinner, split T all rolled up into one. I'm sure that you coaches can see many possibilities that I have not yet exploited.



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# DEFENSE CAN WIN

By JOHNNY DEE

Basketball Coach, University of Alabama

NO ONE underestimates the importance of defense in any sport, but, of all sports, the defensive work in basketball is probably the most overlooked. Thank the Lord there's no such thing as two platoon basketball. Not only is there no such thing, but it probably would be a physical impossibility. Very few basketball players are even average defensive men. As a coach, this is discouraging and the only consolation is that through team work, you can have a good defensive team even though, individually, you are weak.

Let's look at each of these propositions and analyze them. Why are they true and how do we combat the evil and make the best of a very bad situation. Two platoon basketball would be impossible for a number of reasons, but the foremost would be that you would be unable to find five men on any team in America who are better at defense than on offense.

First of all, the first fundamentals taught are all offensive. Ball handling, shooting, dribbling, passing, etc., deal only with the offensive phase of the game.

Secondly, because of the nature of defense, the fact that the offensive man is at a commanding advantage, which puts a tremendous burden on the defensive man, defense very naturally becomes distasteful. I call it embarrassing. The young ball player reacts in the following way. When a man with the ball outmaneuvers him and scores, or gains an advantage on the board to follow up shots, his reactions is not that "it won't happen again" but "wait 'til I get the ball and will I fool him!"

Great ball players in any sport take a great deal of pride in being able to play the "whole" game well. They want to excel in every department. The same is true in basketball and great basketball players can play offense and defense equally well. The unfortunate condition that exists today is that, when a man scores 30 points, he automatically is considered to have played a terrific game as a whole. This can be far from true. He could have scored 30 but, if his man scored 31, he hasn't helped his team. In fact, he has hurt them.

Thirdly, the prominence of the "zone" defense in high school basketball is most unfortunate. In playing a zone, each man is asked to protect a portion of the

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*Johnny Dee, head basketball coach, is in his second year on the Alabama coaching staff. Dee was a varsity basketball and football performer at Notre Dame from 1944 through 1946. During the 1944 cage season, he was second in scoring to All-American teammate Vince Boryla and the following season gained All-American honorable mention for his play.*

*Following graduation, Dee spent four seasons coaching in Chicago's prep circles before joining Coach Johnny Jordan as assistant with the Notre Dame varsity for one year.*

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total defensive area, regardless of the number of men in it. He is not concerned with the man, or men, but the ball. His every move is governed by the location of the ball on the court, and not the man. The zone is easy to teach and, with the amount of work involved in teaching offense, defense can be almost completely neglected by using a zone. In many instances, time is the deciding factor. High school coaches, coaching two sports, haven't the time to spend on defense. Because of the nature of defense, it takes almost twice as much time. This is understandable. However, we believe that an hour spent on defense is worth two on offense.

On any given night, you can never depend on your offense. If you have a "cold" night, you may fall far below your average points per game. To come out on top in these contests, you must do it with defense. This you can do. Or, let us say, you can bet you will "hold" a team under 65 points easier than you can say you will get 80. You have to be "on" your game to get 80 points but, through real good rough, tough, aggressive defense, you can more often than not keep your opponents in the 60's.

Let us remember that, although defense is the hardest part of basketball to play, it's the easiest to learn. Two things must be present in a ball player to be a good defensive man—desire and aggressiveness. Without the desire to be good, or the aggressive approach, it is impossible. Other attributes are desirable, to be sure, but these two must come first.

One of the advantages, as far as a coach is concerned, in teaching defense, is that few boys play it well and still fewer have ever been instructed well in it. In other words, anything you do can only help the situation.

It's not hard to impress upon boys how important defense is. They can see it every time they look at a box score. Even in our own case, here at Alabama, we can see its real value. Not once in nine games have we failed to win a game when we have held our opponents in the 60's. In all three losses, our opponents have had 72 points or better.

We break our game defense down to quarters. At the end of each quarter, we look at the scoreboard and figure what we let them "have" during the last 10-minute period. Anything over 15 points is out of line with our plans and we try to improve in the next quarter. We believe that just "thinking" about defense is the most important part of defensive play. Individually, the man playing the man with the ball is concerned about one thing—"don't let him shoot."

For the most part, a team will average about as many points as it gets shots. A team that gets 75 field goal attempts will, in most instances, accumulate 75 points on the scoreboard. Free throws help to even this up. Consequently, our objective is to keep a team's field goal attempts at a minimum. This can never be 100% effective, however.

In December, we played the University of Texas in the first round of the Southwestern Conference Tourney, at Houston. The statistics should prove interesting to you. We held Texas to 61 field goal attempts and got 62 ourselves. The score at the half was 28 to 28. We got beat by 20 points in the second half (final score 72-52), when Texas hit on 18 of 32 field goal attempts. That's a 56% average and, unless you are close to the same percentage, you can't win. For the game, Texas hit 30 out of 61 and Alabama 20 out of 62. The free throws were even but the difference between 49% and 32% is too great. When this happens, you just aren't supposed to win. It's like pitching a one-hitter and getting beat 1-0 on a home run.

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# TENNIS STRATEGY

By PAULINE BETZ ADDIE

**S**PORTSWRITERS (and coaches) have been complaining for the last few years that the T formation in football has forced the players to think—and when college boys start to think they're apt to pay more attention to their books than to sports and where would football coaches be?

It's no novelty to think in tennis. A tennis player without strategy is like a general without a Pentagon—or a plan of battle; an actor without a script or a TV show without a commercial.

Nobody ever thought his way to athletic greatness without the talent but an adjunct, a necessary complement to brawn, you've got to have the brains as an advance agent going in front of your strokes sort of like sitting on the back of a power lawn-mower. Quick thinking has won more than one important tennis match and sometimes the brain has bridged the gap to greatness when the talent couldn't quite make the jump.

I think the main difference between the average and the good tennis player lies in the fact that the average player simply hits the ball with no purpose other than to keep the ball in the court. The more finished contestant has a definite pattern and a planned campaign of play.

There are two ways for you to win a point—by a placement on your part or an error by your opponent. (Another way is by a friendly linesman's bad call, but that is less predictable and no true sportsman likes a bad call—unless it's in his favor.) Most young players want to win by placements and try to make a winner out of every shot. But it is better strategy to build up a place-



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*In 1946, with no more world's to conquer, peerless Pauline turned to professional tennis, a theatre of operations she has dominated ever since. She is now associated with the Cortland Racket Division in the promotion and sale of their products. Married to popular sports writer Bob Addie of Washington, and they have a family of two boys.*

ment by hitting deep shots to your opponent, or perhaps wide angles, until he hits an easy return which you will be able to put away with some degree of safety.

Maureen Connolly is perhaps the greatest example of the efficacy of keeping the ball very deep. Her sound groundstrokes are rarely more than a foot from the baseline and consequently her opponents are seldom able to put Maureen on the defensive. The new National Men's Champion, Tony Trabert, is another example of sustained

power. But the newcomer to tournament tennis should not try immediately to emulate the severe hitting of the champions. You should have both speed and accuracy, but most players make the mistake of sacrificing accuracy for power. Far too many matches are lost by players beating themselves—that is, when the majority of points was lost by unforced errors.

Only by constant play can you learn which shot is a good risk and which will succeed only once in ten attempts. The odds are definitely against your making an ace from far behind the base line, and in favor of your putting away a rather high forecourt shot. Drop shots should be tried when you are near the forecourt and your opponent is behind the baseline—preferably with one foot entangled in the back fence. In other words—don't be too free to use the drop shot. If your opponent reaches it the chances are that he will be able to win the point. However, if you are being outsteaded from the backcourt, an occasional midcourt shot or drawing your opponent to the net might break up his game.

Side-line strategists are a dime a dozen. Watch any match and the chances are that someone beside you will be berating the hapless loser for his choice of shots. So many factors enter into the tactics a player employs that it is almost impossible for the onlooker to decide that a certain shot is bad judgment; that a player hitting to the famous Budge backhand belongs in an asylum instead of on the center court, or that any girl drawing Doris Hart to the net should see her psychiatrist.

A player may want to draw Budge far to the backhand side so that he will have to run for a wide forehand, and a girl playing Hart may be trying to tire her by making her run in and back rather than the easier side to side. "Hitting to the weakness" is not always sound strategy.

Bill Tilden said that you should always change a losing game, never a winning one. But consider first the reason that you are losing. If you are a player noted for steadiness, don't immediately resign yourself to the fact that you can't win from the backcourt and think that you have nothing to lose

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## TENNIS STRATEGY

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by going to the net every point. If your ground strokes are going out, try steadying them down by adding a little top spin and then go back to hitting flat shots when you get more control. If, on the other hand, you are ordinarily a good volleyer but seem to be hitting every volley into the net—give yourself a bigger margin of safety before deciding that this is a good time to stay back and work on an erratic forehand.

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explain that your partner was a little off his game. And you need have no twinges of conscience, since you can be assured that your partner is making the reverse explanation to his circle of friends.

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She was Florida State DeMolay Sweetheart (1950); Miss International of West Palm Beach (1950); Florida Citrus Exposition Queen (1951); Miss Dixie (1952); Princess at Miami's Orange Bowl Game (1953); and Miss Homecoming at the University of Florida (1953).

Carolyn accompanied Marion Ettie of Miami, the 1953 Citrus Queen, to Europe as companion. The trip was originally to be for six days, but Carolyn remained in Paris in June and July to model for Schiaparelli.

Carolyn will become 21 on February 28; she's five feet seven and one-half and other measurements are quite adequate. Miss Stroupe has black hair, brown eyes and a fair skin. Very lovely young lady!

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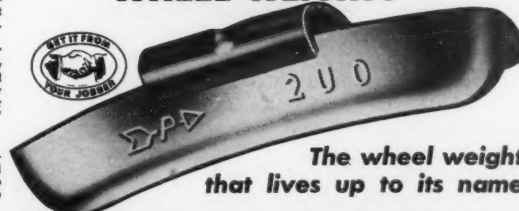


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# TRAVELING 'ROUND THE ATLANTIC COAST and SOUTHERN CONFERENCES

with JACK HORNER  
Special Staff Correspondent

THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT moves into a new home March 4-5-6 at Morgantown, W. Va. . . . It'll be the fourth home of the dribble derby. . . . After being held in Atlanta for years, it was moved to Raleigh in 1933 when the Southeastern Conference members withdrew. . . . Except for a four-year appearance in Durham, it has been put on in Raleigh since that time. . . . But with the Atlantic Coast Conference members pulling out, it now goes to Morgantown, home of the vaunted Mountaineers of West Virginia. . . .

George Washington, one of the top scoring quints in the nation during the current campaign, is expected to have its hands full in the loop tourney. . . . In fact, at least four teams have a good chance to walk off with the marbles. . . . Besides George Washington, there's Maryland, Richmond and host West Virginia. . . . It should be another ding dong tournament. . . . The top eight teams in the final standings qualify for the three-day event. . . . There are 10 members in the conference. . . .

The first Atlantic Coast Conference basketball tournament is scheduled for N. C. State's mammoth Coliseum on March 4-5-6, same dates as the Southern Conference hardwood classic. . . . The ACC took in University of Virginia as an eighth member at its winter meeting in December, giving it a perfect draw for a three-day meet. . . . Virginia was automatically seeded eighth because it plays so few games with other ACC members. . . .

The Cavaliers meet the top-seeded team in the first round. . . . The team finishing atop the standings at the end of the season will be seeded No. 1. . . . No. 2 plays No. 7, and so on. . . . The winner of the ACC and SC tournaments automatically qualify for the NCAA playoffs. . . . The Eastern Regionals, held at N. C. State a year ago, are scheduled for Philadelphia this year. . . .

The first head football coaching change in the two conferences has seen Earle Edwards, end coach at Michigan State the last five years, replace Horace Hendrickson at N. C. State. . . . Hendrickson resigned Dec. 29 despite another

year to go on his three-year contract. . . . Hendrickson had succeeded Beattie Feathers, who had two years to go on his contract when replaced. . . . Feathers coached the Fort Jackson (S. C.) Golden Arrows to an 8-1-1 record last fall. . . .

Edwards, a 1931 graduate of Penn State, coached at two Pennsylvania high schools before returning to Penn State as an assistant in 1935. . . . He remained there until shifting to Michigan State five years ago. . . . Edwards was given a three-year contract at \$12,000 annual salary. . . . He will select three assistants. . . . Edwards was ready to accept the Marquette job when N. C. State officials contacted him. . . . He changed his mind and decided to take the Wolfpack post because: "The only place I can go at N. C. State is up. . . ." The Wolfpack won only one of 10 games last season. . . .

Billy Hickman, one of Hendrickson's assistants, had rejoined his former boss, Art Guepe, at Vanderbilt. . . . Hickman played and coached for Guepe at Virginia. . . . He's a split T expert. . . . Several other coaches have been moving around lately. . . . Tom Fetzner, backfield coach at Davidson for the last four years, has succeeded Charles Holt, who resigned, in the same capacity at Furman. . . . Fetzner is the former Wake Forest backfield star. . . .

Frank Mosley has made two additions to his football coaching staff at Virginia Tech. . . . Ted Youngling, an assistant at Duke the last two seasons, and Ralph A. Genito, who helped Moseley on a part-time basis last year, have replaced George Tepo and Dick Holway, who resigned at the close of last season. . . . Youngling is a native of Freeport, N. Y., and played football under Bill Murray when the Duke mentor was coach at Delaware. . . . Genito, a native of Duquesne, Pa., formerly coached at Owensboro, Ky. . . . He played under Moseley at Kentucky U. . . .

Gene Lamone, West Virginia's talented guard, was a second team choice on the Associated Press 1953 All-American. . . . Tommy Allman, the hard-hitting Mountaineer fullback, won the Jacobs Blocking Trophy for being voted the best blocker in the Southern Conference. . . . There will be no ACC baseball tournament this spring, the seasonal leader going straight into the NCAA

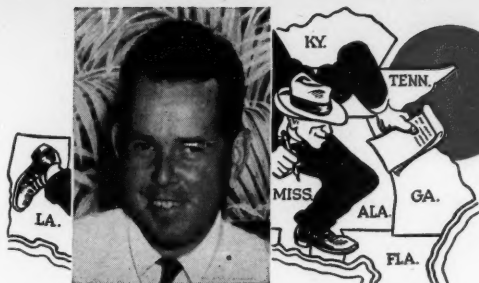
playoffs. . . . The SC also has discontinued its baseball tourney. . . . Furman and Clemson renew their rivalry on the gridiron next fall. . . . They play at Clemson, Nov. 6. . . . Miami and N. C. State are other newcomers on Furman's 10-game schedule for 1954. . . .

Johnny Mapp of Virginia Military Institute tied for third place among the nation's highest football scores in 1953. . . . His 78 points deadlocked Oklahoma's Larry Grigg and Denver's Fred Mahaffey. . . . Earl Lindley of Utah State with 81 points and Bobby Cavazos of Texas Tech with 80 finished one-two in the country. . . . Jack Williams of Virginia Tech was fifth in the nation among those with 30 punts. . . . Williams compiled a fancy 40.9 yards average in 10 games. . . .

Don King, Clemson's sophomore quarterback of last season, was voted the 1953 Swede Nelson Sportsmanship Trophy. . . . Bernie Faloney, Maryland's senior quarterback, was named to the Chicago Tribune's All-Players All-America squad. . . . The Greenville (S. C.) Touchdown Club pitched a big jamboree at which ACC coach of the year Jim Tatum and ACC player of the year Bernie Faloney, both of Maryland, were among the honored guests. . . . Art (Pappy) Lewis, West Virginia's Southern Conference coach of the year, and SC player of the year Steve Korcheck of George Washington were paid tributes at the conference's annual winter meeting at Richmond, Va. . . .

The Sophomore footballer of the year in the Atlantic Coast Conference, as chosen by the Associated Press, was Bob Bartholomew, Wake Forest's fine tackle. . . . Runners-up behind Bartholomew were Maryland's Bill Walker, a stand-out end, and Clemson's Don King, slick quarterback. . . .

South Carolina and Wake Forest have moved their football game from Charlotte to Columbia, home of the Gamecocks. . . . It's scheduled next Nov. 27. . . . Duke and N. C. State will play at night next Oct. 23 at Raleigh to avoid conflicting with an afternoon tussle between North Carolina and Wake Forest at Chapel Hill.



# SEC-tional Notes

By TOM SILER

Knoxville News-Sentinel

Kentucky's most recent basketball dilemma brought to light an old, but little known, NCAA rule.

College athletes who already have a degree cannot participate in NCAA tournaments, a ban that has been in effect since 1906.

Lou Tsioropolous, the 6-6 Greek who plays forward for the Wildcats, already has a degree, and as I write this, the team's two other stars, Cliff Hagan and Frank Ramsey, are due to be awarded degrees within a few days.

Thus, all three probably will be ruled out of NCAA play, if and when the Wildcats get to the big tournament.

Which led the man in the street to ask immediately, "How come? How can a boy be eligible in the SEC, if not eligible for NCAA tournaments?"

The SEC, also the Atlantic Coast conference, does not bar the boy who has finished work on a degree. The rule simply says he must do his playing within a five-year span.

The NCAA suspension of Kentucky forced Ramsey, Hagan and Tsioropolous into idleness a year ago, which gave them an opportunity to get ahead in the classroom.

They did. The irony of it now is that they did so well in the classroom that they may have "studied" themselves right out of the national championship tournament. Thus, the suspension, indirectly, would have the effect of knocking the Wildcats out of two shots at the gaudiest title in basketball.

Kentucky officials, although holding little hope, plan to say nothing and make no appeal until the season ends. If and when the Wildcats qualify for the tournament, they intend to ask the NCAA eligibility committee for a ruling.

Bernie Shively, the athletic director, asked the NCAA to clear the athletes in question for 1953-54 competition before the season began, just to be on the safe side. All three were approved, but nothing was said, on either side, about tournament play. The NCAA apparently assumed that all were still under-

graduates, and would be at tournament time.

The SEC's rule, permitting four years of competition over a five-year span, stems from the long ago.

"High school boys frequently found themselves 'way over their heads scholastically when they got to college, especially in subjects like freshman English," explained Commissioner Bernie Moore. "Poor high schools back in those days made the rule necessary unless the boy was to be penalized in sports because he wasn't properly prepared for college.

"Maybe the rule isn't necessary any longer. High schools certainly have improved a lot. We'll probably discuss a change at our next meeting."

Few conferences other than the SEC and the ACC permit graduates to compete in varsity sports. But almost every conference permits a boy to play over a five-year span if he hasn't received his degree.

It would be manifestly unfair to rule out a boy who missed a season because of injury. Say, a football player suffered a broken leg in September. He should be allowed to finish out his collegiate career even though it takes a fifth year to do it.

The talk of the annual race for Dixie's prep football stars was the success of the rebounding Vanderbilt operatives.

Rival agents report brisk opposition from Art Guepe and Co. on every front and it is no exaggeration to say that the Commodores "took boys away" from Tennessee, Georgia Tech, Alabama, Auburn and Kentucky.

Coach Guepe, I'm told, placed much of the responsibility for rebuilding the Commodores on the alumni. He bluntly told them they would have to help him if the Commodores were to move up in the football world.

He designated groups to keep tabs on certain boys, visit them, show an interest in their welfare and prepare them for quick signing once the deadline arrived in December.

Guepe is working toward an even more distant future, too. He dictated letters to scores of fine gridders within a 300-mile radius of Nashville, even writing youngsters who won't graduate until June of 1955.

One letter, for instance, went to Bernie Shively's son, an all-state end in a Lexington, Ky., high school. The husky youth took the letter and attached questionnaire to his dad, the Kentucky athletic director, and asked him what to do about it.

"Answer it," Bernie said, "and fill out the questionnaire. Thank them for thinking of you."

Vandy's recruiting success this season rivals that of Auburn two years ago. If the resurgence is as rapid as Auburn's, the SEC will have one more rugged grid combination by 1955.

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# Texas Round-up

By **STAN LAMBERT**

Southwest Representative

## STATUS QUO VERY POPULAR IN FOOTBALL RULES

We have just returned from a trip to Cincinnati and Sarasota, Fla., where we accompanied President Pat Gerald representing Texas high schools on the rules committee of the American Football Coaches Association and the Football Rules Committee of the NCAA. Although there were some disgruntled coaches on Lou Little's committee in Cincinnati, the poll that he conducted of all members of the AFCA pointed out conclusively that the membership as a whole was pleased with the passing of two-platoon football. His poll of the membership a year ago showed about 8 to 1 for liberal substitution. Then after playing under the 1953 rule for a year, a similar poll showed 319 for the 1953 rule, 189 for the 1952 rule and 257 for a rule more liberal than 1953 but not as liberal as 1952. All of which is very conclusive evidence that many of the college coaches had switched horses since the howl that went up last January when the news broke from St. Petersburg that the Football Rules Committee had sounded the death knell for the two-platoon game. With the thinking of even the men most closely associated with the game switching that conclusively, the sports writers of the nation were certainly right in selecting public acceptance of the new rule as the major development in the sports world in 1953.

## NCAA Committee — Trustees of the Game

You can take it from one who has seen — the game is in good hands. The NCAA committee is the most conscientious group it has ever been our pleasure to be associated with. Every member considers himself a trustee of the game, and always lets this first devotion take precedence over any desire to legislate for or against any formation, coach or system. "The game" is first with him — everything else a poor second. Ordinarily a man will vote for what is best for himself personally, his particular school or locality, or let personal prejudices dictate his thinking; but such is not true here. Although the

caliber of the personnel of the committee is very high, we do not mean to imply that every member is above petty selfishness in other places. Rather we are trying to get across the point that the morale of this group is so high and its dedication to a cause so sincere that the welfare of the game is all that counts in their deliberations. Nor do we mean that there is a unanimity of opinions on all questions — far from it. Members express viewpoints as far apart as the poles, but each still has the welfare of the game uppermost in his mind. He just sees the issue differently.

## Crisler Is Guiding Light

The chairman, F. O. (Fritz) Crisler of Michigan probably did not create that spirit, but he certainly keeps it vitally alive. Our previous knowledge of him had been as a successful college football coach — and we have all varieties in that category. But it was as chairman of this all-important committee that we saw Crisler the man and Crisler the lover and protector of the game that has been so kind to him. His own fairness as chairman creates a spirit of fair play of the committeemen to him and to each other. His personal opinions do not always agree with the majority — and he does let the group have the benefit of his thinking — but we have yet to see him take advantage of "the chair" to the disadvantage of even the lowest ranking advisory member of the committee.

In addition to his devotion to the game and his fairness as chairman, he also exhibits an extraordinary skill in guiding the discussion, keeping it on the question of the moment, and acting as a parliamentarian. Disagree with his judgment if you must, but never question his devotion and loyalty to the game. It is indeed well that the NCAA has seen fit not to follow the principle of rotation in regard to this chairmanship and that Crisler will remain at the helm. These are troubled times for the game and the Football Rules Committee needs a Crisler — and there's just one.

## Wieman, McLaughry, Quigley Valuable

E. E. (Tad) Wieman, committee secretary, is another of the same cloth. Where Crisler, by virtue of his title, is constantly in the limelight, Wieman goes about his invaluable work in a quiet way. He works for no reward other than this same conscientious guardianship of the game. Few people outside of the committee realize the contribution that he has made to the game. He and Crisler make the perfect team, and we just can't see much bad happening to the game as long as they are in the driver's seat.

Tuss McLaughry of Dartmouth and E. C. Quigley of Kansas rotate off the committee next year. Their farewells in the last session were given with much feeling. They realized how much serving on the committee had meant to them and of course, the committee realized that it was losing a couple of fine hosses. Their service has been long and faithful — but time passes on. Would that space permitted to give our readers a picture of all of them. Possibly that will come in later columns because we received enough lasting impressions from other members to write several columns.

## Track and Field Clinic for West Texas Coaches

Oliver Jackson, Allene Christian track coach, will direct a free track and field clinic for high school track coaches Feb. 27 on the ACC campus "to fill a long-standing need immediately preceding track season." Instruction in techniques of all events will be offered by Cap Shelton of Howard Payne; O. W. Strahan of Southwest Texas and Jackson. Members of the ACC track team will be used as demonstrators. All West Texas coaches are urged to attend.

## Change in All Stars' Eligibility

Only the players whose head coaches are members of the Coaches association are eligible to play in the 1954 all-star football game, the board ruled at the December meeting. The regulation also carries an "as of now" clause, so there's no use to rush to the ticket window to get under the wire.

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## ALL-STAR FOOTBALL GAME POSTPONED

The all-star football game, in all probability, will be postponed until Saturday night since the televised College All-Star vs Detroit Lions game in Chicago is scheduled for Friday Aug. 13. Everyone is Dallas who knows anything about Dallas fans advised Pres. Gerald that it would not be wise to "buck" a televised game that had Dallas' two favorite sons — Doak Walker and Bobby Layne. That's the reason for the change.

Since a previous experience with a six-day school was not popular, the school will probably run Tuesday through Saturday rather than start on Monday — At this writing, neither decision is definite.

## BIG POST MAN

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daily at the tipping board with a companion. The tipping board can either be made locally or purchased from most sporting goods concerns. Special emphasis should be placed on keeping the arm straight, fingers loose and spread and tipping the ball at the height of the jump.

He should practice shooting all types of shots, preferably with someone feeding him the ball; he should work daily on quick release drills and feeding cutters. We use two offensive men, splitting the post with the post man feeding and all three rebounding. (Diagram 2.) We also use the post man working with a three man weave and a four man weave.

The pivot man is also well drilled in the offensive patterns, working with a guard and a forward or working with the entire offensive unit. (Diagram 3.) He should take an active part in the fast break as a rebounder, a runner or a trailer. We try to avoid having him take the middle or feed position in any fast break.

Out-of-bounds plays are excellent opportunities to utilize your big man's height. Plays should be designed to maneuver him into position for his best shot.

A schedule of hard work alone is not enough to develop the big man on your team. The temperament of the individual and his willingness to work over and above his practice chores is an essential element in developing a top-flight pivot man. When he masters the fundamentals and is willing to apply them both in and out of season, the prospects of having a good "big" man are bright.

## FRONT COVER PHOTO

DEAN LARSEN, Brigham Young University

Dean Larsen is a product of Mesa, Arizona, where he was all-stater before coming to Brigham Young University. Dean won his letter as a sophomore playing behind Joe Richey, another Arizona product who went on to win All-America honors. In his junior year, Dean teamed with Joe at forward, and this year is one reason the Cougars are in the running for the Skyline championship.

Larsen is the leading scorer in the Rocky Mountain Conference. In six conference games so far this year, he has tallied 115 points for a 19.2 average. He connects with 40% of his field goal attempts, which include a variety of difficult shots. His free throws are 78% accurate. Mainly because of his efforts, the Cougars have the best offense in the Conference.

A quite unbasketball-looking fellow, Dean is the finest driver BYU has had in three seasons; he just won't quit.

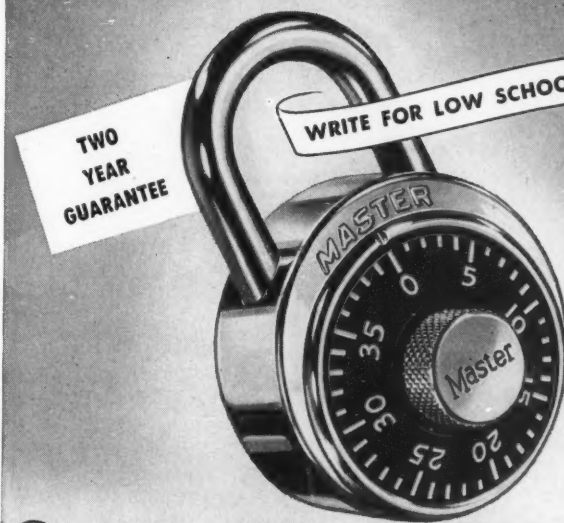
Larsen is expected to win his third letter on the tennis courts this spring. Last year he was in the Skyline semi-finals.

There's no question but what Dean will be named to everyone's first string all-conference selections this, his senior, year.

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# Coastal Cuff-Notes

## PACIFIC COAST CONFERENCES



CLARENCE MERLE (NIBS) PRICE IS STARTING HIS 30TH SEASON AS HEAD BASKETBALL COACH OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA BASKETBALLERS. Nibs is retiring at the close of this season after compiling one of the best records in basketball annals since taking over the California reins in 1925. One of the most spectacular stints turned in by a California Cage team was the 29 consecutive wins posted in the late 20's. Price graduated from California in 1914 and after that served as athletic coach at San Diego High before joining up with the U. S. Army Air Force for World War I. After the Armistice, Price returned to California as general frosh coach in 1919. In 1920 Price took over as assistant foot-

By **GEORGE H. ALLEN**

**Pacific Coast Representative**

ball coach to the famed Andy Smith, the coach of the Wonder teams.

Price was given the difficult assignment of following Smith upon the latter's death in 1926 and remained at that post until 1931, coaching the 1929 Rose Bowl team.

**Eddie Sheldrake** sank 18 free shots in as many attempts as Kirby's defeated Coronado PhibPac 95-90. Can anyone beat that? . . .

Stanford has an efficient 5-foot 8-inch guard by the name of George Selleck. California Tech and Whittier College are leading the SCIAAC conference. . . .

**Chuck Finley** has produced another fine cage team at the University of Idaho. Coach Robert (Duck) Dowell's Pepperdine Waves are trying for their fifth straight CCAA Championship.

**Pasadena Nazarene** led by gold plated forward Bob Hopkins has one of the better small college quintets on the Pacific Coast. Tom Bell, head basketball coach at Pomona-Claremont is a graduate of the University of California (1941). George E. Lyman has been appointed to coach both varsity and frosh Tennis teams at Pomona-Claremont.

**Freshman Gene Small** is considered by coach Roy Hesler as one of the finest frosh to play at Linfield College in several years. Edward Jorgensen, varsity cage mentor at California Poly since 1947 won eight major awards while at Chico State. . . .

**Bob Bryan**, a 6-foot 3-inch forward (sophomore) is the son of Jimmy Bryan, one of the few Husky athletes who lettered in three sports. In his three years at Washington, All-American Bob Houbregs broke or equalled 38 school basketball marks. He holds every career record but two, every season record but two and either holds or shares every single game standard. . . .

**Al Duer**, Director of athletics at Pepperdine College was basketball coach

for nine seasons. His teams won 176 games and lost only 95. . . .

Basketball has swept the Bay area this season with every game thus far a sellout including the major independent tilts . . . one report claims scalpers have been enjoying a harvest for Cal home games.

**Tippy Dye**, Washington's successful basketball coach, has won four straight league championships, one in the Big Ten with his 1950 Ohio State team and three in the Northern Division with his Huskies from 1951 to 1953.

### Junior College Hoopings

Long Beach and El Camino are leading the Metropolitan conference. Los Angeles CC and Muir are heading the Western State Conference. Fullerton is pacing the Eastern conference and Palomar is at the top of the heap in the South Central conference.

### Shrine-Hi Game

The North-South Shrine-Hi football game usually played on August 7 is scheduled for the last week in July. The game will be played in the Coliseum and is growing every year. This is the third game to be played. The South squad will train at Whittier College and the Northern team at Pepperdine College.

Several years ago when we were coaching in the Middle West we became acquainted with William Glassford. We admire his intense determination to attempt to complete the job he started five years ago. He is one football coach who appears to have withstood criticism from many sources and won. We know how hard Bill Glassford has labored to produce a successful team against heavy odds.

**Chuck Bednarik** was the first man to congratulate Paul Brown in the Pro Bowl game. Chuck was throwing his 230-lbs. all over the coliseum turf.

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# Roamin' the Rockies

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE



By DURRELL "QUIG" NIELSEN  
Rocky Mountains Representative

WITH THE ROUND BALL SPORT moving into high gear in the mountain country, once again C. B. Leddingham, Ogden insurance executive, comes up with his favorite pastime. "Leddy," a Utah State football great of the twenties, charts dozens of basketball games each season and sends the results to the National Basketball Rules Committee. So far the rules makers have paid little attention to the Leddingham studies but even though he may not be on the right track with his theories he gains great support around the country that something is wrong with basketball.

According to Leddingham when two teams are evenly matched the one which commits the most fouls will win by scoring enough more from the field to make up for its loss at the foul line. His second deduction is that when two evenly matched clubs foul each other the same amount the field goals will also be evenly matched and anyone can win. Number three is that when two teams are not evenly matched and the weak team has the more foul tries it will lose by a huge margin, and four, that when two teams are not evenly matched the weaker team can make the score close and often can win when the stronger team has a great many more foul tries.

Leddingham thinks the game got out of hand as far as giving both teams a fair shake when the center jump was abolished.

It's surprising that someone connected with the game of basketball can't come up with a solution to the problem. A couple of years ago the 38 plus 2 made the game a joke and now for the second year in a row, all fouls in the last three minutes carry a heavier penalty than for the first 37. Most coaches in this section of the country aren't too happy about the one-and-one situation, either. It takes away the emphasis on making the first shot when a player knows he will get another try. But until a satisfactory conclusion is reached "Leddy" will continue with his one-man crusade to "have something done about it."

When television's nationally famous

**Herman Hickman** spoke at the annual March of Dimes Banquet of Champions at Rawlins, Wyoming an old friendship was renewed. Hickman, former Yale grid coach, and Phil Dickens, Wyoming University football coach, served on the North Carolina State coaching staff in 1942-43. Incidentally, both are ex-stars of Tennessee.

Hickman was featured as "the biggest speaker of them all" at the polio benefit which also featured the eight grid coaches of the Skyline conference. With his 300 pounds of wit he really bowled them over. Jack Curtice, Utah's grid coach and a fast man with the words, served as emcee for the affair while the sports editors of the big dailies in the Rocky Mountain area chipped in to needle the coaches.

**Denver University's hockey team** came in for a bit of criticism from the coach of the Harvard icers. Coach Ralph Weiland, Harvard boss, complained that "it won't be fair to call the NCAA tournament winner the best American college team as only Canadians play for that title." Denver hockey coach, Neil Celley, said that the Harvard coach's objection to Canadian players on western college teams is "the same old criticism we hear every year."

Of the 17 players on the Denver team, 11 are from Canada, three from Minnesota and one each from Massachusetts, Florida and Colorado. Denver University officials claim the Canadian players all are bona fide students and have to meet scholastic requirements.

By the time this column is in print perhaps the rumors running rampant through this section will have died out. But there are those who still insist that Nebraska is making overtures to Utah's Jack Curtice. The story we hear is that Curtice is not interested unless he can have the Director of Athletics position too. At Utah, Curtice has surrounded himself with very capable assistants and is able to carry both the head grid coach and the director's job in commendable fashion.

**Personable John Roning** of Utah State is still under consideration for the University of Minnesota job vacated by

Wes Fesler. Roning met with Minnesota's Athletic Director Ike Armstrong a couple of weeks ago but the Utah State mentor insists he is happy at Logan and wants to stay. Roning was an assistant to Bernie Bierman at the Gopher school and was also a teammate of Bud Wilkinson, Oklahoma's great coach, whose name has been linked with the Minnesota opening. At Utah State Roning has done a tremendous job. The once sagging athletic fortunes are now soaring and the picture for the next few years looks bright indeed.

Still another Skyline grid mentor involved in the rumors is Chick Atkinson of Brigham Young. Atkinson, a grad of Idaho U., has been mentioned many times to fill the vacancy at the Moscow institution. I suppose all athletes harbor the thought of returning some day to their alma mater as head coach and likely for this reason Atkinson is toying with the Idaho idea.

**Coach and pupil** have really started off the Skyline basketball chase in classic fashion. Coach is Ev Shelton of the Wyoming Cowboys, perennial winners of the Skyline hoop gonfalon, and pupil is handsome Bill Strannigan, coach of Colorado A & M. Strannigan, who played under Shelton at Wyoming several years ago, coached the first league quintet to notch up five victories. The A & M Rams dumped New Mexico, Montana and Utah State on the home court at Fort Collins, then moved on to Denver to whip the Pioneers, and journeyed down to Albuquerque to record their second win over the New Mexico Lobos. Shelton's Cowboy five has whipped the same lineup of opponents so now he and Strannigan are atop the loop with not a single setback to mar their record.

**Jack Bryant**, Colorado A & M sophomore who hails from Cheyenne, Wyoming, set something of a record for free throws at the start of the season. The A & M hoopster dunked his first 13 attempts from the charity lane without a miss. Then he dropped one and now has a 15 out of 16 mark. A percentage like this is really something to write home about.





# From the Hub of the Nation MISSOURI VALLEY & BIG 7 CONFERENCES



By JOHN R. THOMSON  
Missouri Valley Representative

## Editor's Note:

The February issue of *Coach & Athlete* will be doubly interesting to John R. Thomson, Sports Editor of *The Kansas City Kansan*. It will mark his debut as a contributor to this fast growing periodical and it will also mark the arrival of the second child in the Thomson household.

Thomson, 38, has been sports editor of *The Kansas City Kansan* since 1943 and in that time has been a contributor to many national publications, besides actively promoting sports in his own backyard.

Not any athlete by nature (he had trouble doing a front roll in high school), he nevertheless has written enough about all sports to qualify as an expert on a local radio sports quiz show.

His biggest compliment: "I don't know anybody as windy as you are." That from Forrest C. "Phog" Allen, the venerable basketball coach at Kansas University!

Hello, from the hub of the nation!

Here in the Missouri Valley, better known as the Heart of America, we are proud of the impact we have made on the American sports scene and even now we are busy preparing to entertain the finalists in the NCAA basketball championships. Those dates are March 19-20 in Kansas City's spacious Municipal Auditorium but the day before, the basketball coaches take over for their three-day meeting.

On February 26-27, the Big Seven conference will hold its Fifteenth Annual Indoor Track and Field Meet in Kansas City.

The Big Seven also was the pioneers in Pre-season basketball tournaments and in the eight years the tournament has been staged, only one guest team, Southern Methodist in 1946, was able to win the three games necessary. Since then it has been "closed shop" and not because, as the cynics would have it, the Big Seven picks its guests!

In a sense, the conference does pick the guest but only with the idea of having a different section of the country represented each year. This year it was

Tippy Dye's Washington Huskies and the Huskies couldn't win anything but friends!

Dr. Forrest C. Allen and his NCAA runners-up of 1953, Kansas, walked off with their second straight title and became the only team to beat the jinx of winning both the tournament and the conference title! Allen and his "mongeese" will have to lick the jinx again this year!

We hope as time goes along to make you better acquainted with some of the men who not only have guided the Big Seven and the Missouri Valley conferences through the storms but have left their mark on the national scene.

Men such as **Reaves Peters**, for eight years part-time and later full-time executive secretary of the Big Seven and **Artie Eihlers**, commissioner of the Missouri Valley.

Coaches in the Missouri Valley are leaders in their professions. Take **Bruce Drake**, chairman of the all-important basketball rules committee and saddled with the job of doing for Oklahoma in basketball what **Bud Wilkinson** has done in football.

St. Louis' little Napoleon, **Eddie Hickey**, is president of the National Basketball Coaches Association while **Don Faurot**, inventor of the Split T and athletic director at Missouri University, has just retired as president of the football coaches.

Personalities are a dime a dozen in our Valley and the area is rich in athletic lore.

We hope also to prove coaching runs in the family, like the **Miller Brothers**, **Ralph and Dick**, who handle the basketball reins at **Wichita University** or the **Ibas**, **Hank** at **Oklahoma A & M** and **Howard** at **Tulsa**.

Kansas City also is where **Walt Byers**, executive director of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, hangs his shingle and Kansas City is the first and only place the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics ever held its tournament of 32 district winners.

The state of Kansas is famous for its well-run high school activities program

and we will go behind the scene and show you what makes it tick.

Yes, sir, we're glad to have a chance to tell you about the coaches and athletes in the Missouri Valley and proud to be a member of the *COACH & ATHLETE* family but what a time for the midlands to make a debut!

Here we are in a turmoil of re-shuffling of coaching staffs that may not be settled before grass begins to show on the gridirons!

The No. 1 question, who is going to be the football coach at **Kansas University** in 1954 (and the next two years) has been settled but there are still headaches facing administrators.

By now, the whole country knows **Charles V. (Chuck) Mather** has made the big leap from **Massilon, Ohio** high school to **Kansas University** at **Lawrence, Kansas**. Before the next issue of *COACH & ATHLETE*, Mather, no doubt, will have his staff set and be in business.

Mather's signing was a relief to **Wichita University** who up until the final moments expected their highly successful gridmaster, **Jack Mitchell**, to accept the call. It was a relief, too, to **Missouri Valley College**, where **Volney Ashford** and his single wing have won championships with monotonous regularity.

In signing Mather, Kansas took itself off the hook with the alumni. Every faction was lending vocal support to its favorite candidate but in going to Ohio for a total stranger, **Dutch Lonborg**, director of athletics and himself no stranger to alumni pressure, no doubt figured that if you don't know a man, you can't say anything against him!

Mather let his record speak for itself. The 104 wins in 111 starts, proved an oration!

Only 38, he has a brilliant future ahead of him and what's more he has given new hope to hundreds of successful high school coaches through the country who hope someday to make the jump into the quicksands of college football!

Nebraska is still in the market for a  
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director of athletics but as it was hoped at one time, the job will not be combined with that of football coach. Bill Glassford, exercising the two years left on his contract and the 5-year option, has resisted all pressure to quit.

Until the Board of Intercollegiate Athletics and the Board of Regents gave him the vote of confidence, those who were after Glassford's scalp had it all fixed for George Sauer, ex-Husker great and now football coach and director of athletics at Baylor, to come home to Lincoln as director of athletics and football coach.

Iowa State, as yet, has not found anyone to replace the likeable Abe Stuber in the football post but Louis Menze and his committee are busy screening candidates and indicate the choice is near.

Otherwise, the Big Seven Conference is standing by its coaches but by all odds, the most popular addition to the circle has been the return of Tex Winters, back at Kansas State after two years as headman at Marquette. Young Tex gave Doc Allen and his Kansas Jayhawkers a real scare at Manhattan fieldhouse before losing, 65-62. For that feat, which almost wasn't a defeat, Winters was conceded to have turned in the coaching job of the week—if not the year!

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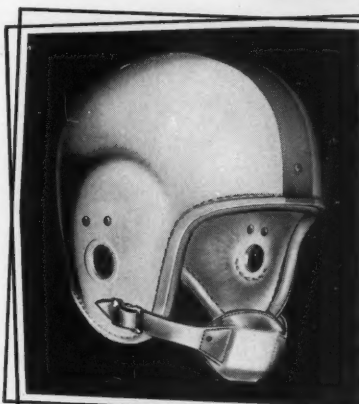
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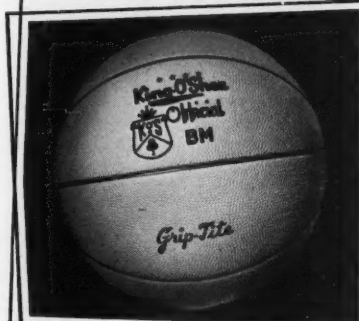
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## 1954 GEORGIA A. A. U. SWIMMING MEETS

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For information regarding these meets, contact Mrs. Crawford F. Barnett, 2628 Rivers Road, N. W., Atlanta, Georgia or Mrs. Lyman Johnson, 231 Colonial Homes Drive, N. W., Atlanta, Georgia, Co-Chairmen Georgia A. A. U. Swimming.

### 1954 WINTER AND SPRING SWIMMING SCHEDULE

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- Feb. 12-13 — So. Regional Invitational Intercollegiate Championships for Men. Ga. Tech Pool, Ga. Tech, Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. Fred Lanoue, Dept. Physical Education.
- Feb. 20 — So. Interscholastic & Prep. Meet. Woolen Gym, University of N. C., Chapel Hill, N. C. Mr. Richard E. Jamerson.
- Feb. 27 — Mid-South Championship for Boys. Sponsored by the Mid-South Association and Emory University. Emory University Pool, Emory University, Ga. Mr. Thomas E. McDonough, Dept. Physical Education.
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- Feb. 27 — National High School Meet for Boys. Trenton Senior High School, Trenton, N. J. Mr. Allen Neuschaefer.

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March 13 — Ga. State High School Swimming Championships for Girls & Boys. Stegeman Pool, University of Ga., Athens, Ga. Mr. Bump Gabrielson, Dept. Physical Education, Univ. of Ga. Mr. Sam Burke, Box 71, Thomaston, Ga., Exec. Sec. Ga. High School Assn.

March 26-27 — Nat. Collegiate Athletic Assn. Championships, Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York.

April 1-2-3 — Nat. AAU Senior Men's Championships, Yale University Pool, New Haven, Connecticut. Mr. R. V. H. Riputh, Dept. Physical Education

April 3 — Ga. AAU Junior Men & Junior Women Indoor Championships. Ga. Tech Pool, Ga. Tech, Atlanta, Ga. Mr. Fred Lanoue, Dept. Phy. Education.

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April 15-16-17 — Senior Women's National AAU Indoor Championships, Daytona Beach, Florida.

May 2 — Ga. AAU Synchronized Swimming Invitational Championships. Mr. Charlie Cooper, Dir. Athletics, Atlanta Athletic Club, Atlanta.

### CORRECTION BY ART BENTON

"In my report in the January issue (page 26), all reference to the scissors kick as being permissible with the butterfly stroke is in error. The new fourth stroke can be done only with the frog or dolphin kick. As in the past, the scissors kick is illegal, both with the butterfly and breast stroke."

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# GEORGIA INTERSCHOLASTIC GYMNASTICS

By ARTHUR ARMSTRONG

Gymnastics Coach,  
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THE year 1954 promises to be a year of continued gymnastic growth and improvement for the state. The performances should be at an all time high level.

The high schools are continuing to improve with GMA and Druid Hills the probable leaders. Northside of Atlanta will have another young team. Both GMA and Druid Hills graduated good men, one of whom, Earl Jenkins, is going to Auburn. However Druid Hills still has Conway Snipes and Bo Stokes with several promising younger boys. GMA showed good team depth in all meets last year and should be very strong in all of the divisions. Northside, with Winkie Langston and Walt Ellison, should do well later in the season when its new boys on the squad smooth out their routines. Some of the other schools with individual performers will be well represented. Grady of Atlanta, Sprayberry and several others should be entered in the big meets.

Last year saw the beginning of girls gymnastics with Druid Hills and Northside having teams entered in the state championship held at Northside. This year the event will again be held there with the hope that more schools will attend. In 1953 the girls competed only in the tumbling but this year other events will be included such as the trampoline, free exercise and the balance beam.

One of the first meets that some of the schools enter will be the AAU's at Florida State University in Tallahassee on Saturday, February 20. The state high school Interscholastic Championship will be held at GMA on the 12th of March. Most of the schools with large teams will have varsity and B team meets between these two dates. The AAU meets for the four divisions are always entered by the high schools. The under 16 years of age division will be held at Northside High on Monday the 22nd of March. This has always been a popular division for the high schools and has usually shown a very large entry list. The girls championship will be held in conjunction with this meet.

The over 16 meet will be held at Druid Hills again this year on the 3rd of April with the Junior meet being held on the 10th of this month. The final meet of the year is always the Senior meet to be held again at Georgia Tech on April 24. This meet is usually highlighted by the entry of the national championship Florida State team.

The High School Rules Committee met at Georgia Tech this fall and made several important changes in the rules. This group headed by the writer has worked for several years to develop a forward looking set of rules that would further the best interest of the sport. The changes in the college and AAU rules that were made this year to make them like the International Rules were put into the high school rules two years ago.

In brief, the rules for boys allow for ten events: Rope Climb, Long Horse Vaulting, Side Horse, Free Exercise, Horizontal Bar, Parallel Bars, Still Rings, Swinging Rings, Tumbling and Trampoline. Each team enters four men in each event. Competitors are judged for each performance and the score for the ten events compose the team score. The highest score determines the winner. The international idea of all around proficiency is encouraged by having three of the four competitors enter six of the ten events.

Dual meets ran off under these rules have been reduced in time to under 70 minutes so that the long drawn out affairs of the past should be eliminated. By running two events at once the spectator always has something to watch. And with a competent announcer the public should understand what is taking place.

This sport has grown gradually and will continue. With new schools adding this sport to their program each year, increased participation is assured. Anyone interested in obtaining copies of this modified rules should write Arthur M. Armstrong (Chairman of Rules Committee) Northside High School, Atlanta, Georgia.

At Sarasota, Fla. —

## THIRD NATIONAL GYMNASTIC MEET

By LYLE WELSER  
President, Southern Gymnastic League

THE answer to the question as to whether gymnasts are sincere in their beliefs and efforts to promote gymnastics has been in part answered by what happened at the third National Gymnastic Clinic at Sarasota.

While actually forty persons registered, there were several others who would have been present had not circumstances prevented them from coming, or the fact that they chose to be at home during Christmas. To attend such an affair certainly costs plenty in time, money and effort, not only on the part of those doing the promoting, but on the part of all who had to come any distance. There were hitch-hikers who came great distances and roughed it even to the extent of sleeping on the floor, and such personal sacrifices prove that there are those who believe in the activity of gymnastics to the extent of wanting to work together for its growth and promotion.

Among those organizations represented were the following: United States Military Academy, United States Naval Academy, Jersey City Recreational Department, University of Florida, Florida State University, Springfield College, St. Petersburg Recreational Department, University of Minnesota, University of Kansas, University of Toronto, Jacksonville Y.M.C.A., Western Illinois State College, University of Texas, University of Iowa, Alabama Polytechnic at Auburn and Georgia Tech. The program which was publicized in the fall Newsletter was adhered to almost completely, although it was altered and additional events were included.

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## GYMNASTIC MEET

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(Note: All committee assignments had not been completed at time of this writing.)

Many interesting facts came out in the panels, such as discovering that one city has a shortage of gymnastic instructors and has been running a continual ad in the papers for persons capable of teaching gymnastics. Some communities are now insisting that money be set aside for hiring personnel who can teach gymnastics.

Not of least importance was the discussions on women's gymnastics, some feeling it should be encouraged, others believing vice versa. At any rate, we need more guidance and participation

on the part of our national leaders to interpret the aims and objectives of such. Many viewed women's gymnastics for the first time on the A.A.U. films.

As for the clinic for next year, it was agreed that we need several volunteers to take a turn at instructing the younger set, local and otherwise; business sessions more concentrated with the clinic running from December 26th through the 31st, thus allowing any who are so minded to come as early as they wish before these dates for relaxation; registration fee to be \$2.00 for professional people, and \$1.00 for non-professional, with the Chairman of Registration standing by ready to receive same. (Get yours in soon with William Crenshaw, of the University of Texas, Austin, Texas — Department of Physical Education for Men.)

In conclusion, allow me to state that now with the quality of the clinic becoming better each year, you really can't afford to stay away, there is so much in store here for all who feel that we need to work together.

Already plans are shaping up, as it is revealed that Florida State and the University of Minnesota will stage a dual meet at the clinic next year. Start planning now and come in groups or as individuals to this next clinic. It should be a dandy!



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# MID-SOUTH CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

By MAJOR M. C. PAGET

THE Mid-South, represented by five members, McCallie, Georgia Military Academy, St. Andrews School, the Baylor School and Riverside Military Academy, held their first Mid-South Championships at St. Andrews School in Tennessee, November 28, 1953. The course was run over a two-mile measured course — through rather rough terrain, but a typical cross country course.

McCallie won the meet with a low score of 28 points, placing five men within the first nine to make this fine score. The Georgia Military Academy with 46 points was second, Riverside with 75 points was third, St. Andrews with 93 points was fourth and Baylor with 125 points was fifth.

The two-mile course record was set by Bill Crum, representing Georgia Military Academy, in the fine time of nine minutes forty-six and one-tenth seconds. This time was faster than any time posted last year in the United States High School Cross Country

Championships for a two-mile run.

A trophy was awarded to McCallie for first place, also a trophy was awarded to GMA as second place team. A trophy was awarded to Bill Crum for first place runner and eleven ribbons to the first eleven runners to finish.

Members of the teams follow:

(1) **McCALLIE** — 28 points

M. Lile  
W. Colburn  
J. Wooten  
W. Robertson  
W. Thompson  
J. Atkins  
T. Warlick

(2) **GEORGIA MILITARY ACADEMY** — 46 points

W. L. Crum  
J. T. Sweeney  
G. H. Ginn  
R. K. Beavers  
D. N. Young  
D. M. Sheldon  
M. T. Hodge

(3) **RIVERSIDE MILITARY ACADEMY** — 75 points

M. France  
A. Gordon  
P. Krebs  
G. Pinx  
A. Salazar

(4) **ST. ANDREWS** — 93 points

C. Ward  
T. Dickerson  
J. Wilder  
E. Tyndall  
T. Young  
J. Kennard  
F. Couric

(5) **BAYLOR SCHOOL** — 125 points

R. Fonde  
C. Simpson  
P. Knight  
C. Zeiser  
F. Darwin

Order of first eleven men to finish:

1. William L. Crum — GMA
2. William Thompson — McCallie
3. George Pinx — Riverside
4. M. Lile — McCallie
5. William Robertson — McCallie
6. Thomas Sweeney — GMA
7. Kenneth Beavers — GMA
8. William Colburn — McCallie
9. James Wooten — McCallie
10. Charles Ward — St. Andrews
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# SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

By TOM SILER

Knoxville News-Sentinel

ALABAMA'S Crimson Tide won the Southeastern Conference race in a most unlikely fashion, but the championship is theirs just the same.

Oddly, the champs were tied three times. Fact is, an abundance of tie games was the most startling development of the fall campaign. There were no less than eight ties within the SEC. Only Vanderbilt and Georgia escaped a deadlock, and there were times when this pair would have settled for a tie or two.

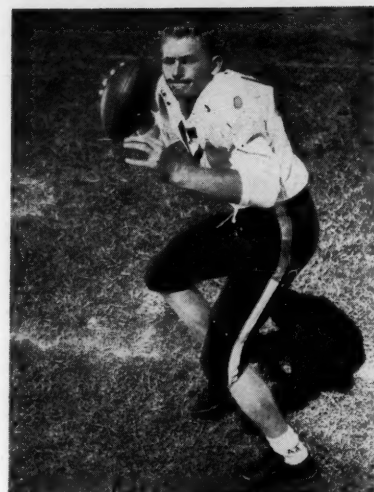
Looking back on a most unpredictable race for the title, ties robbed Ole Miss, Georgia Tech, and Kentucky of undisputed possession of the flag. Thus, the

many ties enabled the Crimson Tide to move to the top spot with a dramatic 10-7 conquest of Auburn in the final contest.

In the department of superlatives, Zeke Bratkowski of Georgia was the best passer, Jerry Marchand of LSU was the top runner, Jimmy Wade of Tennessee was the leader in passing and rushing, Wade topped the scorers with 72 points, Bratkowski was the leading punter, and his teammate, John Carson, led in pass receptions.

SEC teams fared not too well outside the circuit, certainly not as successfully as in recent years.

Oddly, there was but one tie with an



**JACKIE PARKER (Miss. State)**  
SEC Player of the Year

outsider, Tulane's 0-0 battle with Army. Georgia Tech bowed to Notre Dame, but whipped Duke and Clemson. Kentucky lost to Texas Aggies, then smashed a truly strong Rice team. So it went all season.

By December, the tally sheet showed 17 SEC victories, 15 defeats against major opposition.

## SEC TITLE RACE

	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pct.
*Alabama	4	0	3	91	51	.786
*Georgia Tech	4	1	1	140	44	.750
*Kentucky	4	1	1	137	89	.750
*Mississippi	4	1	1	129	62	.750
*Auburn	4	2	1	136	99	.643
*Miss. State	3	1	3	121	80	.643
*Tennessee	3	2	1	95	80	.583
*L. S. U.	2	3	3	123	138	.438
*Florida	1	3	2	48	58	.333
Vanderbilt	1	5	0	59	172	.167
Georgia	1	5	0	71	149	.167
*Tulane	0	7	0	68	196	.000

\*Ties count half game won, half game lost.

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# SKYLINE CONFERENCE

By QUIG NIELSEN

UTAH, picked by nearly everyone, including its coach, to win its third successive Mountain States Conference (Skyline) title, had a couple of close squeaks but managed to win all five conference tilts to wrap up the bunting.

The close shaves were against Coach Phil Dicken's Wyoming Cowboys, who dropped a 13-12 decision to the Utes and the national TV game with Brigham Young which Utah eked out, 33 to 32.

Utah's coach, "Cactus Jack" Curtice, won coach of the year honors in the league but New Mexico's young new coach, Bob Tichenal, Denver's Bob Blackman, Wyoming's Phil Dickens and Utah State's John Roning, all came in for special praise and honor with outstanding performances.

The most surprising team in the league was apparently Utah State who concluded the season with eight wins and three losses. The Aggies from Logan were thoroughly trounced by Utah early in the season but came back to win the remainder of the games with the lone exception of the finale against College of Pacific. Utah State finished second in conference standings and second among league teams for all games played.

Coach Bob Davis' Colorado A&M Rams pulled one of the big surprises when they dumped the strong Kansas State team from the Big Seven league in the season opener. The Rams were young and inexperienced but were "up" for several of the important games throughout the season.

Utah set a new conference mark for total offense. The Utes gained 3754 yards in 10 games, 2496 from rushing and 1258 from passing. Wyoming's Cowboys of 1949, also conference champions, previously held the mark with 3732 yards.

The final standings showing league games and all games follow:

## CONFERENCE GAMES

	W	L	T	Pct.
Utah .....	5	0	0	1.000
Utah State .....	5	2	0	.714
Wyoming .....	4	2	1	.643
New Mexico .....	3	2	1	.583
Colorado A&M .....	3	4	0	.429
Montana .....	2	4	0	.333
Brigham Young U. ....	1	5	1	.214
Denver .....	1	5	1	.214

## ALL GAMES

	W	L	T	Pct.
Utah .....	8	2	0	.800
Utah State .....	8	3	0	.727
New Mexico .....	5	3	1	.625
Wyoming .....	5	4	1	.556
Colorado A&M .....	4	5	0	.444
Montana .....	3	5	0	.375
Denver .....	3	5	2	.375
Brigham Young U. ....	2	7	1	.222

\* Tie games in conference standings count as ½ game won and ½ game lost.

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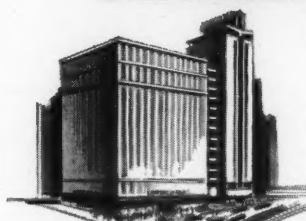
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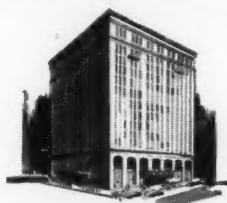
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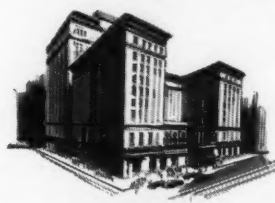
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### ENTRY FEE

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### DIVISIONS

MEN'S: CHAMPIONSHIP Open, General and High School.

WOMEN'S: CHAMPIONSHIP Open, General and High School.

(Retain for future reference)

1. Teams residing outside a radius of sixty miles of Atlanta should contact the tournament committee or make their own hotel reservations.

2. Each player must be registered with the Georgia Association of the Amateur Athletic Union and be in good standing at time of games. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to reject any player.

3. Not more than ten players will be allowed to compete for any Men's Team and not more than twelve players allowed to compete for any Women's Team. These players must be designated before play begins.

4. Each player must wear his or her number clearly on playing uniform. (See Rule 5, sec. 6, A.A.U. Basketball Rules.)

5. All players must wear clean, neat uniforms only of the organization or school they represent.

6. The Georgia A.A.U. Association Tournament Committee reserves the right to reject any entry.

7. General Rule IV, Section 4. No one will be allowed to compete who has during the past scholastic year been a member of any athletic team or any education institution unless such person shall file with the registration committee of the Association a letter from the Head of the Athletic Department of said institution consenting to such competition unless said athlete is entered as a member of said educational institution's recognized team.

8. Any team that has competed in its two Georgia High School Association approved tournaments this season cannot compete as a team representing their school.

9. Please list the class your team wishes to enter and state division: (Men—Women).

10. This tournament will be strictly amateur and conducted under the rules and regulations of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States. All players must be registered with the Georgia Association. Please do not embarrass the tournament committee by submitting names of players known to be other than amateurs.

11. The state registration chairman for A.A.U. is Mrs. E. E. Richards, 1541 Farnell Court, Apartment 7, Decatur, Georgia. A.A.U. application forms, A.A.U. registration forms, A.A.U. registration cards and A.A.U. team memberships may be secured from her. Team membership—\$15.00; junior and novice competition—25¢; senior and open competition—50¢.

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